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STODDARD COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO - United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today that a Stoddard County man was sentenced to prison on a felony drug charge.

David Dale Powers, 41, of Dexter, Missouri, was sentenced to 300 months on one felony count of producing child pornography. Upon release from prison, Powers will be placed on supervised release for the remainder of his life. He appeared before U.S. District Judge Rodney W. Sippel on Monday, December 18, 2006 in Cape Girardeau.

Previously with his plea, Powers admitted that on July 20, 2006, he transmitted a live web-camera video via the internet, to an undercover officer from the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Department in Ohio. The transmission depicted a minor child engaged in sexual contact with an adult male.

This case was charged as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

Hanaway commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Tuscarawas County, Ohio Sheriff's Department, the Regional Computer Crimes Education and Enforcement Group, the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and the Network Against Sexual Violence for their combined efforts to prosecute this case. Assistant United States Attorney Abbie Crites-Leoni handled the prosecution for the Government.

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